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SUBJECT: MARIANSKI, JAN

1. MARIANSKI WAS MAYOR OF GDYNIA FOR A PERIOD OF 3-5 YEARS (OUR BIO RECORDS DO NOT GIVE THE PRECISE DATES) WHICH APPARENTLY INCLUDED THE DECEMBER 1970 PERIOD OF THE WORKER UPRISING IN GDYNIA AND GDANSK. HIS BACKGROUND, HOWEVER, IS THAT OF AN ARCHITECT AND CITY PLANNER AND NOT THAT OF A POLITICAL FIGURE. UNDER THE POLISH SYSTEM, POLICE AND ALL OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES ARE CENTRALLY CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH A MAYOR OF A MAJOR CITY IS CERTAINLY NOT WITHOUT POLITICAL INFLUENCE, HE IS PREIMARILY AN APPOINTED CITY MANAGER. HE HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE POLICE AND IS NOT IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS.

2. THEREFORE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MARIANSKI WOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PUTTING DOWN THE LABOR UNREST IN GDYNIA IN 1970, ALTHOUGH AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY WITH RESPONDIBILITY FOR MOST OF ITS BUREAUCRATIC AND HOUSEKEEPING FUUNCTIONS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, HE UNDOUBTEDLY WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN HIS CITY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF HIS HAVING BEEN ACCUSED BY WORKERS OF ANY REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST THEM.

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